THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Report of the Committee to review the existing administrative arrangements for rural development and poverty alleviation programmes was circulated in March, 1986 for ascertaining the views of the State Governments/Union Territories. On the receipt of their comments, the matter shall be placed before the National Development Council (NDC) for further consideration.

IDA loan for India

2610. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the share of I.D.A. loan for India has been substantially reduced; and

(b) if so, the impact thereof on the economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir. The commitment of IDA credits to India which was approximately 40 per cent of total IDA credits to all countries in the World Bank's fiscal year 1980, has gradually come down to 19.9 per cent in the fiscal year 1986.

(b) Compared to other forms of external assistance, IDA funds are highly concessional and therefore a decline in IDA funds would result in increasing the effective cost of external resources.

Tax collected by various circles

2611. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the otal amount of Income Tax collected during 1984, 85 and 86 by various circles of the country;

(b) the total amount of Excise Duty collected by various circles during 84, 85 and 86; and

(c) the total amounts of Customs Duty collected from various circles during 84, 85 and 86?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The total amount of Income Tax, Excise Duty and Customs Duty collected from various circles/collectorates/Customs House are given below:

	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
1. Income Tax*	4118.96	4390.79	5242.59
2. Excise Duty	10136.07	10916.56	12928.10
3. Customs Duty	5569.18	6994.44	9517.57

*Figures of Income Tax include all direct taxes.

Raids conducted by Customs in Gujarat

2612. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of raids conducted by custom in Gujarat during 1984, 1985 and 1986;

(b) the quantity of contraband articles were seized and the amount at international price;

(c) the number of cases settled out of the total raids; and

(d) the amount received by Government by way of realisation of customs duty and penalty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Excise raids in Gujarat

2613. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many raids were conducted by Excise department in Gujarat during 1984, 1985 and 1986;

(b) total amount of excise tax evasion found during these raids;

(c) how many cases have been settled; and

(d) total amount of tax realised alongwith penalty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected from the field formations and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Cases lost by New Bank of India

2614. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases lost by New Bank of India in Delhi during the last two years and amount involved therein; and

(b) what action has been taken on the responsible officers and advocates and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The New Bank of India has reported that 3 cases involving a sum of Rs. 45,716.94 were lost by their Bank in Delhi during the last 2 years. In two cases appeals have been filed.

The cases have been considered by the Bank for punitive measures against those found negligent. While the cases of officers have been entrusted to appropriate authorities for examination, one firm of advocates who did not take active interest in the case has since been removed from the panel of Advocates maintained by the Bank.

Foreigners arrested under Customs Act

2615. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreigners arrested under Customs Act since 1st April, 1986;

(b) whether any diplomats have also been detained while smuggling during the same period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) During the period from 1st April, 1986 to 31st January, 1987, 423 foreign nationals were arrested under the Customs Act throughout the country, in connection with smuggling activities. During this period, 3 cases involving diplomats were also detected. Diplomats involved in smuggling activities are not arrested/detained as they enjoy diplomatic immunity in terms of the Vienna Convention. However, the matter is taken up with the countries concerned and they are generally recalled from India.

As the number of foreign nationals involved is large, the details of all the cases are not furnished. However, if Hon'ble Member desires to have information in respect of any particular case (s), the same will be collected and furnished.

Penal action against cumpanies in arrear of excise duty

2616. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 744 given on 11th November, 1986 and state:

(a) whether these are any fixed guidelines to be followed by the officials in taking penal action against